

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/703,381

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/11/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 37-46, 48-52 and 68-72 (Renumbered as 1-20).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.


THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/21/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


Mohammad Ali
Primary Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/11/06 has been entered.

After a search and a thorough examination of the present application and in light of the prior art made of records, claims 37-46, 48-52 and 68-72 (Renumbered as 1-20) are allowed.

Claims 1-36, 47 and 53-67 have been cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney, Jens C, Jenkins Reg. No. 44,803 on November 21, 2006

Please amend the claims which was filed on 9/11/06 as follows:

37. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

generating a plurality of subdirectory names, wherein each subdirectory name is random and unique relative to each other name of the plurality;

creating a plurality of cache directories, and naming each according to one random subdirectory name generated, such that each cache directory is uniquely associated with a random subdirectory name;

storing a plurality of files under the plurality of randomly-named cache directories such that a stored file includes a random name in its path unknown to malicious content and thereby cannot be invoked by the malicious content to execute, including when the file has a predictable filename; and

maintaining an index including a directory name for each of the plurality of randomly-named cache directories, and for each directory name, maintaining a file count of a number of files stored therein; and

automatically balancing the files among each of the plurality of randomly-named cache directories such that the count associated with the number of files in each cache directory remains below a threshold count, to avoid degraded performance.

47. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 37, further comprising maintaining a file count of a number of files stored in each of the plurality of randomly-named cache directories, ~~and wherein automatically balancing files among each of the plurality of randomly-named cache directories includes moving at~~

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~~least one file out of one of the plurality of randomly-named cache directories to avoid degraded performance when the file count maintained therefor achieves a threshold value.~~

68. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for:

generating a plurality of subdirectory names, wherein each subdirectory name is random and unique relative to each other name of the plurality;

creating a plurality of cache directories, and naming each according to one random subdirectory name generated, such that each cache directory is uniquely associated with a random subdirectory name;

storing a plurality of files under the plurality of randomly-named cache directories such that a stored file includes a random name in its path unknown to malicious content and thereby cannot be invoked by the malicious content to execute, including when that stored file has a predictable filename; and

maintaining an index including a directory name for each of the plurality of randomly-named cache directories, and for each directory name, maintaining a file count of a number of files stored therein; and

automatically balancing the files among each of the plurality of randomly-named cache directories such that a count associated with the number of files in each cache directory remains below a threshold count, to avoid degraded performance.

Reason for Allowance

3. The prior art made of records does not teach or fairly suggest the combination of elements, as recited in independent claims 37 and 68. More specifically, the prior art of records does not specifically suggest as argued by applicant's and Examiner's amendment.

The dependent claims, being definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification and are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Ali whose telephone number is (571) 272-4105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7:30 am-6:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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